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Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 1981 concerning the disappeared in Argentina and specifically the case of Mauricio Fabian Weinstein.

The problem of disappeared persons is perhaps the most difficult one facing the Argentine government and people. In addition to the humanitarian aspect, there is a political dimension. Ultimately it can only be resolved by the Argentines themselves. At the same time, we will continue to use our influence directly and in international fora to encourage the Government of Argentina to make available information it may have to the families of missing persons.

The Department of State has been in direct contact with Mr. Weinstein's parents. According to the latest information from our Embassy in Buenos Aires, a request for information was made to the Argentine Foreign Office's Working Group on Human Rights on November 26, 1980. However, this request has generated no information concerning Mr. Weinstein. Our Embassy will remain alert to any information that may become available and will keep you informed of significant developments.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence returned.

The Honorable

Tony P. Hall,

House of Representatives.

cc: American Embassy

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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